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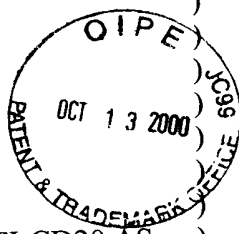
In re Patent Application of

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For: USE OF CHIMERIC ANTI-CD20 AS
IN VITRO OR IN VIVO PURGING
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BMT OR PBSC TRANSPLANT



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REPLY

This Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2000.

Kindly enter the following new claims 7-14 prior to further examination:

7. A method for treating a B cell lymphoma or leukemia in a patient comprising:

- (1) administering to said patient an aggressive therapeutic regimen comprising high dose therapy of one or more of the treatments selected from the group consisting of radioimmunotherapy, whole body irradiation, chemotherapy, cytokine treatment and antibody therapy, wherein said antibody binds to an antigen expressed on the surface of malignant B cells;
- (2) transplanting into said patient bone marrow or peripheral blood stem cells; and
- (3) administering an amount of an antibody specific for a malignant B cell surface antigen, said amount effective to purge malignant B cells.